

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: April 13, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 1715**

This bill, if enacted, will require:

1. the state to incrementally establish and administer and monitor a pilot network of community based, early childhood education and prekindergarten programs for unserved children, ages three and four who are at risk of school failure.
2. the programs within the pilot network to be family-focused, community based, and reflect the highest level of coordination among existing programs; require all programs to provide full day, full year services which include a daily component of developmentally appropriate educational activities as well as child care for the children of parents who need extended day services.
3. the appointment of state and local advisory councils on early childhood education and services.
4. the State Board of Education to promulgate rules, which shall include but not be limited to, policies governing staff qualifications and training, including reasonable timeliness for programs to attain staff qualifications and training required by such rules.
5. a report of findings and recommendations at least once a year be submitted to the Governor, State Board of Education and General Assembly.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be \$3.9 million for FY 1996, \$9.5 million for FY 1997, and \$13.3 million for FY 1998. The minimum number of children to be enrolled in the program for the three pilot years is 600 for FY 1996, 1,200 for FY 1997

and 1,800 for FY 1998. The basis for this state funding estimate as determined by the State Board of Education's *Early Childhood Education Plan* is as follows:

Program Operation and Start-up:

Pilot Programs \$6,000 per enrollment slot (avg.)

State Department of Education Administration:

Monitoring/Technical Assistance \$125,000 annual

Contracted Services:

TECTA Training & Leadership Development 6% each first year program operation; 3% in subsequent years

Program Evaluation \$75,000 annual

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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